Content Search 4.3: Gunpowder Empires

We have talked, read and watched a lot about Europe and the Americas during this time period. Now, we must spend time on the Middle East and Asia. There were major empires in control in these regions.

1. What is a Gunpowder Empire? Why were the Ottoman (Middle East), Safavid (Iran) and Mughal (India) Empires considered to be a part of this group?
   * 1. Crash Course World History #19: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN-II_jBzzo>
     2. AMSCO: pg. 353
2. What are the major characteristics of each of these Gunpowder Empires?
   * 1. All three: Khan Academy, Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNpcQEGw3S4>
3. Ottoman:
4. Youtube Video: Now This World, The Rise of the Ottoman Empire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMpfdpHPNDE>
5. AMSCO p. 355-359
6. Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/history/ottomanempire_1.shtml>
7. Safavid:
8. Website:<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/history/safavidempire_1.shtml>
9. AMSCO: pg. 359-306
10. Mughal
11. AMSCO p. 360-362
12. Podcast: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y27h> (Podcast App: BBC Radio 4: In Our Time: History: The Mughal Empire)
13. Crash Course World History #217: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbuM0aJjVgE>
14. Describe how the zamindars were a challenge to the elite leadership of the Mughal Empire.
    * 1. Article: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zamindar#Mughal_era>
      2. Websitehttp://www.preservearticles.com/2011103016231/short-essay-on-the-role-of-zamindars-during-mughal-period.html
15. Describe Ottoman miniature painting.
    * 1. Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_miniature>
      2. Minature Gallery: This link just shows you examples of the miniature artwork. Take a look at the pictures. <http://www.kalemguzeli.net/galeri/minyatur-galerisi>
16. What is the Taj Mahal? Who created it? What is it made out of? Why is it a significant piece of Indian architecture?
    * 1. Youtube Documentary: Taj Mahal, A Love Story by How Stuff Works <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D38DGQkE8eU>
      2. Podcast: Coolest Stuff on the Planet: Taj Mahal: <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-fghwq-5b4d53>
      3. Website: <http://www.history.com/topics/taj-mahal>
17. How did Ottoman rulers attempt to keep their power through the devshirme system?
    * 1. Primary Source: <http://chnm.gmu.edu/cyh/primary-sources/464>
      2. Further Primary Sources: <http://www.artsrn.ualberta.ca/amcdouga/MEAS200/readings_topic2_2006/reading%20devshirme_system.htm>
      3. Video, Start at 3:45 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy62MtfCT6g>
18. The Ottomans and Safavids did not always get along? How did their rivalry play out?
    * 1. Youtube: Islam Ottoman Safavid Rivalry by MGH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wac0fyrfu_8>

**Russia**

* On the other side of the world from the Americas, Russia established itself as an elite European empire.

1. How was Russian able to establish itself as a formidable empire?
   * 1. AMSCO Chapter 18; p. 335-345
     2. Explore the resources from Freemanpedia. <http://www.freeman-pedia.com/russianempire>

**Unit 4.3 Vocab List**

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| **Historical Vocabulary** | **Non-historical Vocabulary** |
| Zaminders  Taj Muhal  Devshirme System  Osman I  Babur  Shah Abbas The Great | Maritime Empire  Land Empire  Gunpowder Empire |